

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN Holy Virgin-Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus (May 17th, 2020)



HRISTOS VOSKRESE – VAISTINU VOSKRESE!

CHRIST IS RISEN – INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Liturgical Readings:

Epistle (Acts 11, 19-26 & 29-30); Gospel (Jn. 4, 5-42)

Believers have the opportunity to hear the Holy Gospel proclaimed at each Divine Liturgy. Constant opportunities to learn from and about the Lord Jesus Christ exists within God's Holy Church.

Experiencing the Lord God directly occurs in God's Holy Church at all times, in locations around the world and in each century. In the present Gospel, the Lord Jesus Christ speaks about the water of everlasting life.

We learn about everlasting life from the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ offers everlasting life. Today's Gospel reading is proclaimed every year in order for believers to firmly learn of and seek everlasting life.

Worldly cares take believers' minds far from everlasting life. Personal concerns, goals and interests lead people far from the serious life in Christ. Daily sins put the soul in peril and take believers down roads far from God's Kingdom.

Thank God for the Church and the proclamation of the Holy Gospel to keep life focused in Jesus Christ. Thank God for faithful believers, saints, martyrs and clergy through the centuries.

Today let us draw deeply from the Lord Jesus Christ and drink of the nourishment benefitting our souls. Let us open our hearts to the words, life and teachings of Christ.

This is the day to firmly reject our sins and to focus completely and attentively on Jesus Christ. The Samaritan woman's attentiveness to Christ brought others to Him and they became convinced He was the Saviour of the world.

The remaining time of our lives belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. We committed ourselves fully to the Lord Jesus Christ at Holy Baptism. Every moment of life after Baptism is to be lived faithfully in Christ.

The Lord, through His Holy Church, provides the guidance and nourishment to faithfully follow Jesus Christ throughout all of life. We need only be attentive and faithful.

When we fail, immediate repentance is necessary. The Lord Jesus Christ makes change possible even in the most sinful believers. The heart, mind and soul must accept change, reject sin and begin anew in Christ.

The Church is full of joy in celebrating Christ's Resurrection at this time.

We experience this joy to the fullest when we earnestly believe in Jesus Christ and live in Him at every moment.

The Holy Gospel guides and nourishes believers. Drink from the Holy Gospel, Drink from the words of Christ. Satisfy the longing of the soul and experience peace. Hristos Voskrese! Christ is Risen! Hristos a inivat!

Fr Rodney Torbic

DONATIONS RECEIVED ON MAY 10TH

Due to this pandemic, not only have we modified the schedule for services but we have suspended all fund raising activities including fish fries until further notice. The fish fries have provided great financial support to our church treasury over the years and this loss of income plus not having a weekly collection puts a strain on the finances. Even though we may not be attending services, we continue to incur operating expenses that need to be paid. ***WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS BY MAILING THEM TO THE CHURCH. YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!***

Offering \$1280.00; Dues \$55.00; Donations to the Building Fund - In memory of Mark Stokrp for \$50 from Danica Wess, \$250 from Mark Stokrp, \$25 from Shirley Bronson

BELL TOWER FUND - Total to date \$45,089.14/\$ 32,500.00

In memory of Mark Stokrp for \$25 from Gloria Cernic, \$100 from Sylvester Gjurich

Large candle donations – Patricia Niel in memory of Buncich family (Milos, Milica, Radovan, Milos Jr, Kristine); Olga Bulich in memory of Charles, Christina, Mary, Alexis, Marie, Daniel, Michael, Tyna, Dorothy and Anna

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE LARGE CANDLES (\$25) **THANK YOU!**

BOOK OF THE MONTH MAY **“The Orthodox Church” – Timothy Ware**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY at 7:45 PM – Evening Prayer trough the Conference call (339) 207-6529

THURSDAY (May 21st)

6:00 PM – Great Vespers (Live Streamed)

FRIDAY (May 22ND) – Transfer of the Relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker – Church Slava – SREĆNA SLAVA! BLESSED FEAST!

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Live Streamed)

SATURDAY (May 16th)

6:00 PM – Great Vespers (Live streamed)

SUNDAY (May 17th) – Sunday of the Blind Man

10.00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Live streamed)

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (Acts 16, 16-34); Gospel (Jn. 9, 1-38)

Dear ones,

Please, keep in your hearted prayers our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ

- who suffer of cancer: Jenifer, Linda, Sandy (Simko)
- who pray the God for the restoration of health: Irine (Martinovich), Grace (Vuckovich), Ranka (Banda), Edward (Gartell), George (Momcilovic)

APOLYTIKION FOR MID-PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.